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MEMORANDUM FOR [redacted]

SUBJECT: Production of National Intelligence Estimates

1. In response to your query to Mr. Shane MacCarthy, comparative NIE production figures for FY 1953 and FY 1954 are as follows:

Fiscal Year	SNIE's	NIE's	Total
1953	16	29	45
1954	18	32	50

2. Since the date we first started to produce national intelligence estimates, in November 1950, the average annual production of those estimates has run about 50.

3. The main difference in production since January 1953 is that it is much more responsive to NSC direct and indirect requirements. Through Messrs. Dulles, Amory and Bundy, the Board of National Estimates gets more specific requests, more guidance as to what the scope of estimates should be in order for them to be most useful, and a better indication of deadlines to be met if the estimates are to be timely from the consumer's point of view. In short, the last eighteen months have brought us closer to the ideal relationship between producer and principal consumer.

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